

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

Environmental Site Assessment: Phase I Guidelines

The Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) District Planning and Programming Engineers (DPPE) may perform Phase I assessments when the work has been assigned to the Office of Roadway Design or District Design, otherwise a Consultant Prequalified in Area Class 6.05 should perform the work. An Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) Phase I is requested for projects with new right-of-way being purchased. Additionally, ESA Phase I is requested for projects without new right-of-way acquisition and involving ditching, utility work, installation of foundations, storm sewer, or other intrusive construction activities that could encounter or generate hazardous waste during the proposed project construction activities. Projects designated as Signal Upgrade or other projects may be exempt with approval from the Office of Materials and Testing. Phase I assessments are performed in the Concept Phase of the Plan Development Process (PDP). Phase I assessments should also note the location of any monitoring wells and/or remediation systems within or adjacent to proposed or existing right-of-way. Unless otherwise approved by the Office of Materials and Testing, all Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I investigations shall follow the scope of ASTM Designation: E 1527-13 – Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I.